

## STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

## **USDA Announces Release of Rural Housing Investment Data**

Increases Transparency to Better Serve Rural America

(July 22, 2016) – USDA Rural Development Deputy Under Secretary Lillian Salerno today announced that the Rural Housing Service (RHS) is releasing a suite of investment data to increase transparency and better educate stakeholders and appropriators about RHS program investments. The data suite includes information about loans, loan guarantees, and grants invested through RHS Single Family Housing, Multi-family Housing, and Community Facilities programs.

The data suite on RHS-wide investments can be found in three places: (1) on <u>USDA's Service Center Agencies Online Services page</u>, (2) on <u>Data.gov</u>, and (3) in <u>PolicyMap</u>, an online data mapping tool, where it can be overlaid with a wide array of other indicators.

The release of this data is one component of the Department-wide effort to become more transparent in order to facilitate more effective collaboration with USDA's stakeholders, partners, and lawmakers to address rural community needs Nationwide.

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